

equivalent to 1-5% mols compared with the mols of said chiral carboxylic acid.--

--6. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein in said esterification reaction the meso form of a bicarboxylic acid is used as substrate.--

--7. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carboxylic acid is selected from  $(\pm)$ -(R,S)-2-(2-fluoro-4-biphenyl)-propionic,  $(\pm)$ -(R,S)-2-(3-benzoylphenyl)-propionic,  $(\pm)$ -(R,S)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)-propionic,  $(\pm)$ -(R,S)-2-[4-(1-oxo-2-isoindolinyl)phenyl] propionic,  $(\pm)$ -(R,S)-2-[4-(2-thenoyl)phenyl]-propionic,  $(\pm)$ -(R,S)-2-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propionic acids. --

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